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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN FRG

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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF NATO-WIDE MESSAGE, DPP/CEPD/78/  
475, DATED 6 SEPTEMBER, 1978, CONCERNING THE EARTHQUAKE  
IN THE FRG WHICH IS BEING TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT -

FROM NATO BRUSSELS

TO AIG 6016

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FROM: DIRECTOR, CEP

ALL CAPITALS PASS TO PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTERNAL  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE

SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH WEST GERMANY

1. FOLLOWING THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE WHICH OCCURRED IN SOUTH WEST GERMANY EARLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 03, THE CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING DIRECTORATE REMINDED THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AUTHORITIES, THROUGH THE GERMAN DELEGATION, OF THE NATO PROCEDURES FOR ASSISTANCE SET OUT IN CM(58)102(1971 EDITION) AND OF THE READINESS OF NATIONS AND THE DIRECTORATE TO ASSIST SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

2. THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAVE SINCE REPLIED. THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE CONCERN WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY THEIR ALLIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. AS THE SITUATION APPEARS NOW, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE ASKED THAT MEMBER NATIONS BE INFORMED THAT NO EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.

3. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE EARTHQUAKE REGISTERED HIGH ON THE RICHTER SCALE (7.5 IN SOME PLACES), NO DEATHS RESULTED. 15 TO 20 PEOPLE WERE INJURED BUT AS OF NOW, NONE IS STILL IN HOSPITAL. ABOUT 100 BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED BEYOND HABITABILITY. THE TOTAL DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT 20 MILLION D.M.  
END TEXT. BENNETT

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